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Wednesday, May 4, 2011
(Approved)

Call to Order by Student Body President/Senate Vice Chairperson

Student Body President Zach Owens called the meeting to order.

Seating of New Senate

Sen. Owens welcomed the re-elected and newly-elected faculty and student senators, thus seating the new Senate.

Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2011

Motion XXXXII-84: By Senator Farrell, seconded by Senator Cedeño, to approve the Senate Minutes of April 20, 2011. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Roll Call by Student Body President/Senate Vice Chairperson

Sen. Owens called the roll and declared a quorum.

Election of the Senate Chairperson

Sen. Holland, nominated by the Faculty Caucus, was elected as Chairperson of the Academic Senate by acclamation.

Election of the Senate Secretary

Sen. Kalter, nominated by the Faculty Caucus, was elected as the Secretary of the Academic Senate by acclamation.

Executive Committee Senate Faculty Members Election

The following individuals, nominated by the Faculty Caucus, were elected as members of the Senate Executive Committee by acclamation:

Farzaneh Fazel, COB Faculty

Martha Horst, CFA Faculty

David Cedeño, CAS Faculty

Ed Stewart, CFA Faculty

Chairperson's Remarks – No Remarks

Student Body President's Remarks – No Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

• ***President Al Bowman***

President Bowman: Freshmen enrollment deposits came in very strong this year. In Springfield, they are attempting to cut upwards of \$1 billion in general revenue funding. It's hard to know how much it will cost us. We've been getting money from the state. We received another \$4.3 million bringing our FY11 total up to \$40.1 million. That means that they only owe us \$39.7 million. We don't expect to see the bulk of those dollars until

well into the fall. We have received our spring 11 MAP payment. We are fully reimbursed for MAP. On the federal side, you probably saw some of the news reports about some of the compromises that were made to cut \$38 billion out of the current fiscal year. The PELL program lost some money and so it makes it much more difficult for students to get year-round funding. For right now, the PELL program maximum funding does remain in place.

The concealed carry legislation is moving forward in Springfield. It is expected to be called for a vote in the House tomorrow. It may be a 3/5 majority, which would make it veto proof. The governor has been lobbying against it. If it doesn't get a 3/5 majority, he has promised to veto it.

Sen. Horst: I read that they are trying to exempt universities from the concealed carry law. Is that your understanding?

President Bowman: It's a little bit of a moving target, but so far we could exempt them from campus. Another possible compromise is that each president would be given signature authority to allow exceptions to that. There seems to be fairly good agreement that institutions that want to opt out would be able to.

Provost Sheri Everts

Provost Everts: We have some excellent news from the Office of Enrollment Management. We anticipate a strong freshman class of approximately 3,300 students with an excellent ACT and with more diversity. Transfer enrollment is slightly up and the quality even stronger.

The next College of Arts and Sciences Dean announcement is upcoming. I anticipate an announcement either later this week or early next week. The applications for Assistant Provost were due last Friday. The search committee meets tomorrow to review applications and select candidates for fall interviews. The Assistant Vice President for Academic Administration-- the search committee has narrowed the excellent pool to 3 finalists-- Sam Catanzaro, Fred Smith and Rodger Singley.

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams***

Vice President Steve Adams: It has been an honor for me to serve for the last five years of my career as VP of Student Affairs on the Senate. Illinois State University walks the talk as far as shared governance goes. This body has a tremendous amount of power on this campus and dignity as well. You may choose to take advantage of many opportunities to make a difference on this campus. I wish you all the best next year.

Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell

Vice President Layzell: We successfully completed the sale of \$15 million in Certificates of Participation to help fund a couple of large capital projects. One of the projects that we funded is a renovation of Hovey Hall, the first floor, to move the Financial Aid Office so that they are in closer proximity to Admissions. Yesterday, there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the Cardinal Court site. We remain on track to open next summer.

Information/Action Item:

Senate Meeting Schedule for 2011-2012

Motion XXXXII-85: By Sen. Fazel, seconded by Sen. Cedeño, to move the Senate schedule from information to action. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion XXXXII-86: By Sen. Gizzi, seconded by Sen. Farrell, to approve the Senate meeting schedule. The motion was unanimously approved.

Advisory Item:

Academic Plan (Associate Provost Jan Murphy)

Associate Provost Murphy: Within the Academic Plan are institutional priorities. The institutional priorities include Educating Illinois. Whenever there is an update in Educating Illinois, we include that in the plan. On page 11, there are institutional priorities. Those include curricular priorities. They are new programs that seem to have enough planning behind them. We try to look at those programs that will continue to move forward. The most significant section is the program review section. This year we had 10 program reviews. In Illinois, programs are on an eight-year cycle. All 120 programs go through a program review cycle. Also, the IBHE centers are also approved. A degree program goes through a year of self-analysis. They then prepare a report and submit it in the fall to the Academic Planning Committee. After about six months of review, what we end up with is the summary that you see in the Academic Plan. There are recommendations from the Academic Planning Committee to the degree program. We make one of three recommendations. We have to say the program is in good standing or we have to say the program has been flagged for review or we could actually suspend enrollment in the program. I have never seen this University suspend enrollment through the program review process. I would finish by offering a public thank you to the members of the Academic Planning Committee.

Adjournment

Motion XXXXII-87: By Sen. Hoelscher, seconded by Sen. Farrell, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.